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indicated he would accept a machine vote on this. So all in favor please signify by voting aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 mays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment to his amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The amendment is adopted. We now return to the discussion of the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would like...oh.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would like to ask Senator Don Pederson a question.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Pederson, when you get as many votes as I got on that amendment, it's mighty tempting to end everything on a high note, whatever the note is, so I want to ask you a question. I want you think a few seconds before you answer. Would you think of me as a sniveling, spineless, cringing, coward, turncoat against my own principles if, instead of taking all the rest of the time that I can on my amendment, I would withdraw it at this point? I want you to think about that for a minute or a few seconds.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: May I interrupt and say the call is raised?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh) You broke his concentration. (Laughter)

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I was just starting to get some vibes here